

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is designed to be a convenient summary of the Federal subsistence fishing regulations contained in 50 CFR Part 100 and 36 CFR Part 242. They closely parallel existing state regulations. There may be errors, omissions, or changes that occur after printing. To be certain of current regulations, refer to the *Code of Federal Regulations* and *Federal Register* publications. Please note the regulations appearing in this booklet may be changed by special actions of the Federal Subsistence Board at any time. Fishing District boundaries shown on maps are for illustration purposes only. The official source for fishing district boundaries is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game's Commercial Fishing Regulations.

If you need additional help or clarification, contact the Office of Subsistence Management.

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT

The Federal government has managed subsistence trapping, hunting, and limited fishing on Federal public lands since July 1, 1990. These regulations (*36 CFR Part 242* and *50 CFR Part 100*), effective October 1, 1999, expand Federal management of subsistence fisheries and shellfish to Alaskan rivers and lakes within and adjacent to Federal public lands. For maps, see pages 2 (fishery areas) and 50 (shellfish areas).

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture have proceeded with this expanded jurisdiction as directed by 9th Circuit Court in the *Katie John* case, and to meet the requirements of the rural subsistence priority in Title VIII of the *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (or ANILCA).

The regulations closely parallel existing state regulations. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game regulations continue to apply to all commercial fisheries, sports fisheries, personal use fisheries statewide, and for subsistence fisheries unless otherwise restricted by Federal regulations. The Secretaries are publishing these subsistence fisheries regulations separately from Federal subsistence trapping and hunting regulations.

STATE AND FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Often Federal subsistence fisheries occur in the same area as State of Alaska fisheries. You may not add the harvest limit from a Federal subsistence fishery and bag limit from a State fishery together to increase your harvest limit. These Federal regulations do not apply off Federal lands and waters.

Non-rural residents and non-Alaska residents may not fish under the Federal subsistence regulations in this booklet. You may still fish on most Federal public lands and waters under State of Alaska general fishing regulations. Contact the Alaska

STATE AND FEDERAL (continued):

Department of Fish & Game for a State regulations booklet and more information. You can find State fish regulation booklets throughout Alaska at many sporting goods or grocery stores.

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

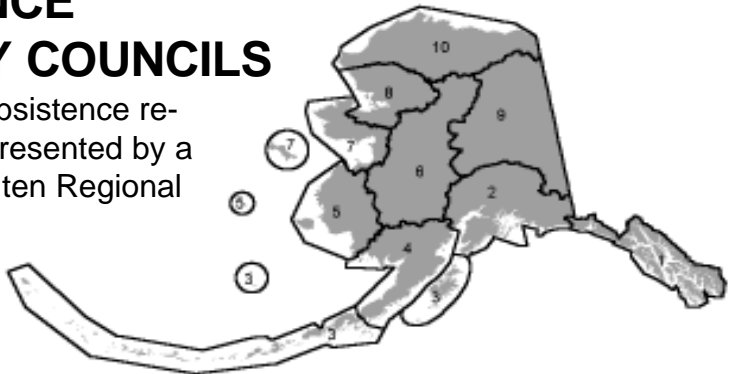
The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Alaska directors of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the USDA Forest Service are members of the Board. A representative of the Secretary of Interior serves as Chair. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State of Alaska representatives have an active role in Board deliberations. Information on the Federal Subsistence Board, including news releases, meeting schedules, and related information, can be found on the internet at <http://www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html>, or by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management.

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Alaska is divided into ten subsistence resource regions. Each region is represented by a Regional Advisory Council. These ten Regional Councils offer important opportunities for rural Alaskans to contribute to the management of subsistence resources. The Regional Councils develop and review proposals to

change Federal subsistence regulations, and provide valuable local information to the Federal Subsistence Board and Federal Subsistence Management Program. Each Regional Council meets at least twice a year, and subsistence users can comment and offer input on subsistence issues at these meetings.

Schedules, minutes, regulations, and other information can be found on the internet at <http://www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html>, or by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management.



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture appoint Regional Council members. To qualify, members must reside in the area they wish to represent and have knowledge of regional subsistence uses and needs. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact the Regional Coordinator for your region (on page iv), or call (800) 478-1456.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

The Federal subsistence Regional Coordinators work closely with the Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board. Each Regional Coordinator is responsible for one or two regions. They serve as contacts for the Regional Councils, Federal agency staffs and the public. Contact the Regional Coordinators for more information on the activities of each Regional Council.

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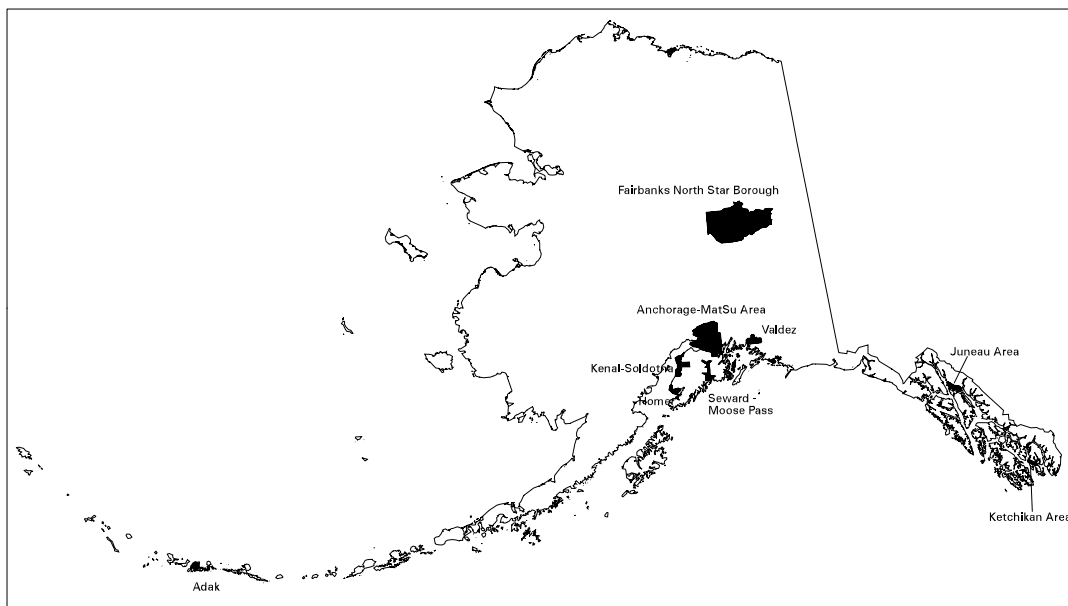
E-mail: R7SNWR@fws.gov

GENERAL INFORMATION

DO THESE REGULATIONS APPLY TO YOU?

Are you a rural Alaska resident? You must be a rural Alaska resident to harvest fish and shellfish under Federal subsistence regulations. You must have your primary, permanent residence in a rural area to qualify to fish under Federal subsistence regulations. A seasonal residence does not qualify you as a rural resident.

Federal Nonrural Areas



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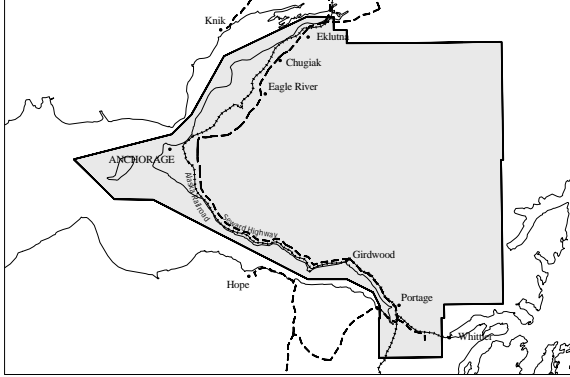
All communities and areas in Alaska are rural, except:

- **Adak**
- **Anchorage** (Municipality)
- **Fairbanks** North Star Borough
- **Homer** area (Anchor Point, Homer, Kachemak City, and Fritz Creek)
- **Juneau** area (Douglas, Juneau, West Juneau)
- **Kenai** area (Clam Gulch, Kalifornsky, Kasilof, Kenai, Nikiski, Salamatof, Soldotna, Sterling)
- **Ketchikan** area (Clover Pass, Herring Cove, Ketchikan City, Ketchikan East, Mountain Point, North Tongass Highway, parts of Pennock Island, Saxman East)
- **Seward** area (Moose Pass, Seward)
- **Valdez**
- **Wasilla** area (Big Lake, Bodenberg Butte, Houston, Palmer, Wasilla)

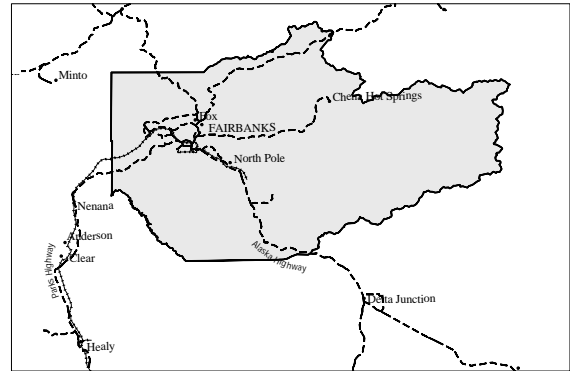
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MAPS OF NONRURAL AREAS

Anchorage Municipality Nonrural Area



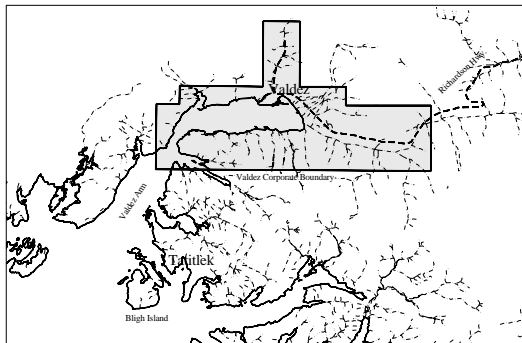
Fairbanks North Star Borough Nonrural Area



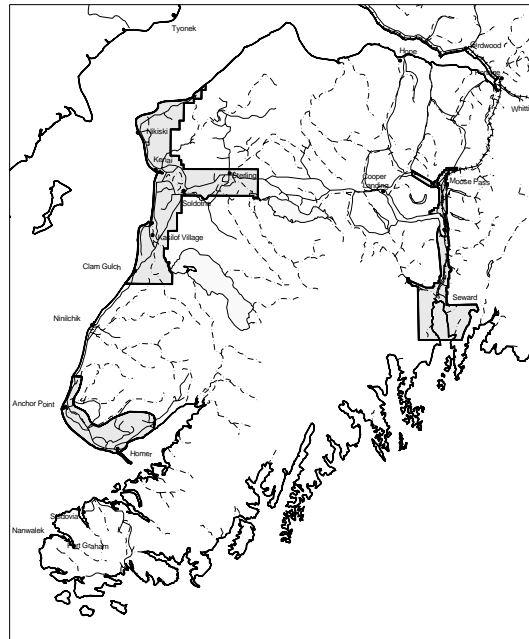
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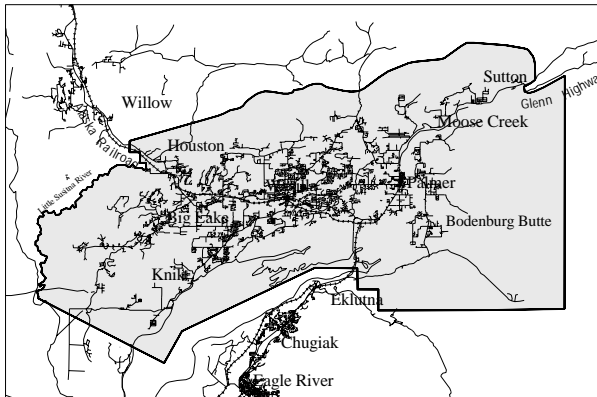
Valdez Nonrural Area



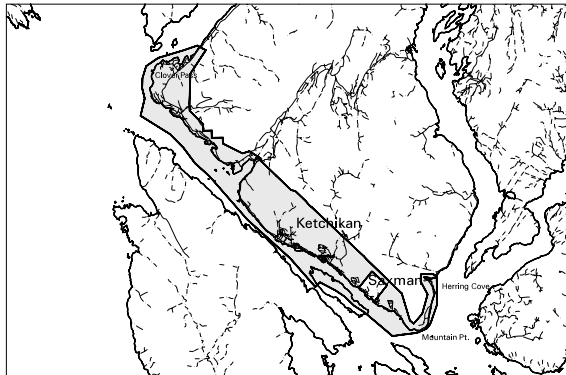
Kenai Peninsula Nonrural Areas



Matanuska Susitna Nonrural Area



Ketchikan Nonrural Area



DO THESE REGULATIONS APPLY TO YOU?

1 Do you qualify for customary and traditional use? The Federal Subsistence Board decides which communities or areas have customarily and traditionally taken a fish stock. Each fishery management area lists any customary and traditional use determinations, along with seasons and harvest limits, and any special provisions. When there is a positive determination for specific communities or areas, only those communities and areas have a Federal subsistence priority for that species in that fishery management area.

If the Board has not made a customary and traditional use determination for a fish stock in a fishery management area, then all rural residents of Alaska may use that stock or population in that area.

No Federal subsistence priority means that the Federal Subsistence Board determined there is no customary and traditional use of that fish stock and there are no Federal subsistence seasons for that species in that fisheries management area. Fishing may be allowed under State of Alaska regulations.

2 Will you be fishing on waters on Federal public lands? The regulations apply only to waters on, flowing through, or adjoining Federal public lands. Such lands are managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service, and include all components of the Wild & Scenic Rivers System located outside boundaries of National Parks, National Preserves or National Wildlife Refuges, including segments of the Alagnak River, Beaver Creek, Birch Creek, Delta River, Fortymile River, Gulkana River, and Unalakleet River. These regulations do not apply on general domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, except on non-navigable waters.

The public lands described in this booklet may change through rulemaking pending a Department of the Interior review of title and jurisdictional issues. These regulations do not apply to waters on or flowing through State lands, private lands, or Federal lands selected by the State of Alaska or Native corporations, unless those lands are within the boundaries of Federal conservation lands. There are no Federal open seasons in areas that have no Federal public lands. Check the maps carefully to know what waters are under Federal jurisdiction. You may also contact any of the Federal offices listed in the back of this booklet.

3 What are the seasons and harvest limits? Check the season and harvest limit information for each fishery management area for open seasons for the fish stock that you wish to harvest. Also note any special provisions.

4 What licenses, permits or harvest tickets do you need? No fishing license is required for subsistence fisheries, but some fishery management areas may require permits or harvest tickets. Subsistence users must possess and comply with any State or Federal permits or harvest reports. Unless otherwise specified, permits are not required to take fish by rod and reel or on a line attached to a rod or pole under these regulations.

5 Other important information. The sections of this booklet contain important information. Read the special provisions for each fishery management area where you wish to harvest fish or shellfish. If you have questions, contact the Office of Subsistence Management (see inside cover).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS

Subsistence use of resources in areas the National Park Service manages is subject to additional rules and is restricted to local residents in national preserves, national monuments and parks open to subsistence. National Park Service regulations govern which communities or individual residents qualify as local rural residents for specific National Park Service areas. Glacier Bay National Park, Katmai National Park, Kenai Fjords National Park, Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, “old” McKinley National Park, and Sitka National Historical Park are closed to subsistence. Users of National Park Service areas are responsible for complying with these regulations (36 *CFR Part 13, Subparts A, B, and C*). For more information about National Park Service regulations affecting subsistence, contact:

National Park Service
Alaska Support Office
2525 Gambell Street
Anchorage, AK 99503
(907) 257-2649; fax (907) 257-2517

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

For detailed topographic maps, contact the U.S. Geological Survey, 4230 University Drive, Alaska Pacific University, Room 101, Anchorage, AK 99508 or call (888) ASK-USGS, (907) 786-7011, to order quadrangle maps. E-mail: gfdurocher@usgs.gov.

SUBSISTENCE TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS AND MIGRATORY BIRDS

These regulations do not apply to the subsistence taking of marine mammals or migratory birds. The taking of these species is regulated by the *Marine Mammal Protection Act* and the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*. For information on **marine mammals**, contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Marine Mammal Management, 1011 East Tudor Road M/S 341, Anchorage, AK 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3800. For **migratory birds** information, contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Migratory Bird Management, 1011 East Tudor Road M/S 201, Anchorage, AK 99503 (800) 368-8890 or (907) 786-3443.

ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING SYSTEMS

The board may establish community harvest and designated fishing permits and reporting systems in some communities. These systems are based on customary and traditional practices, including those practices associated with cultural and religious beliefs. The Federal Subsistence Board continues to work towards establishing other alternative community harvest and reporting systems where appropriate.